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FILE PHOTO

(Left) Senior Airman David Russell, satellite systems operator with the 148th Space Operations Squadron, California Air National Guard, works on the extremely high frequency wave guide. The guard unit will set up shop at Vandenberg Tracking Station as the only Air National Guard unit conducting command and control satellite operations.

California ANG joins Team Vandenberg

By TECH. SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg welcomes its newest member today in a combined squadron activation and change of command ceremony at 2 p.m. at the tracking station.

The new addition to Team Vandenberg is the California Air National Guard's 148th Space Operations Squadron. Their mission will involve operating the Milstar satellite communications system, the most advanced military communications system to date.

The multi-satellite constellation links commanders with a variety of resources like ships, submarines, aircraft, land vehicles and manned-portable systems. The system represents the future of U.S. communications capability.

"The 148th SOPS is being activated at Vandenberg because there was a need for a Milstar operations center on the West Coast," said Lt. Col. Steven Beck, the 148th SOPS incoming commander. "Air National Guard leadership was interested in getting involved in space

operations, so the needs of the Air Force and Air National Guard were compatible and provided the catalyst to make this milestone possible."

While the 148th is new to Vandenberg, it certainly isn't to the Air Force, said Staff Sgt. Robert Gabriel, 148th SOPS satellite systems operator.

The unit was originally activated in the late '40s as the 148th Combat Communications Squadron in Compton, Calif. It later moved to Ontario, Calif., and then to March AFB, Calif., where it was deactivated in October 2000.

The unit's mission doesn't actually differ from its previous combat communications role, Beck said. Instead, the 148th's present mission is more like an extension of its previous one. "In the past we deployed to the field and conducted our mission duties there. Now, crucial communication and information is provided on a grander, global scale so space operations is only a natural progression in the combat communications process," he added.

Beck said the primary goal for the 148th is to be up and operational 24 hours a day by August. "Our long range and continuing goal will be to set a standard of excellence in Milstar operations," he added.

In the change-of-command ceremony, Beck will assume command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Dean Cunningham who will be retiring after more than 30 years of military service.

As a part time national guardsman, Beck was director of logistics with the 162nd Combat Communications Group in Sacramento, Calif. He also taught mathematics, coached football and directed school activities at Eureka High School in Eureka, Calif., when he wasn't on duty with the guard. He is currently the operations officer for the 148th SOPS.

Unlike his previous military guard duties, his job as the commander of the 148th SOPS is full time, Beck said.

"But we are thrilled to be here, and looking forward to working with Team Vandenberg," he concluded.

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Col. Steve Lanning
commander,
30th Space Wing

Commander's Action Line

As the wing commander, my primary focus is on the mission and I believe that our mission success will be based on how well we care for our people on and off the job.

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Fitness center.....606-3832
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Standing room only

Col. Alan Newton, 30th Medical Group commander, briefs 130 local retirees about TRICARE changes at the retiree activities office March 15. The RAO is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. For information about the RAO, call 606-5474.

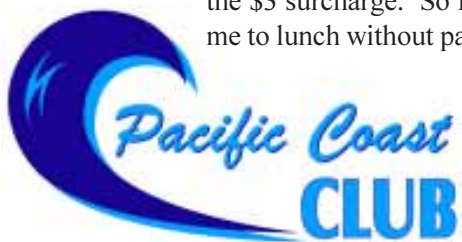
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PACIFIC COAST CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES, SURCHARGE FEES UNDER FIRE

Q I have been a member of the club for several years and have thoroughly enjoyed the many services provided, however, it seems to have become unfriendly to its membership.

Several months ago my dues were increased from \$14 to \$25 without any notice. Before you brought the surcharge on I scheduled retirement parties at the club. I no longer have them at the club because all non-members are required to pay an additional \$3. Is that still a rule?

Last week I took two guests with me to lunch and was informed they would both need to pay the \$3 surcharge. So I cannot take a guest with me to lunch without paying an extra charge?



I'm seriously thinking of canceling my membership. The club should be concerned about making members happy, not doing everything they can to discourage the use of our cards. Is their volume of business so large that they can afford to put these ridiculous rules on membership and lose club members?

You have a beautiful club with exceptional possibilities, but there are so many stumbling blocks right now. Needless to say I am confused at a service organization that seems to lack service.

I must say, however, the staff at the club has been exceptional. They are always accommodating, helpful and willing to do their very best for club guests. Now if the management problems could be solved you would have a wonderful club. I would appreciate hearing from you.

A First, let me thank you for being a loyal member of the Pacific Coast Club. We're lucky to have such a nice facility and first-rate dining staff. I truly appreciate your business.

The club raised its dues in October 1999 to \$25 a month for officers, officer equivalent civilians and contractors and to \$13 a month for enlisted members and equivalent civilians. Dues help offset the cost of doing business in the club. It pays for salaries, utilities, replacement of equipment, etc. The dues also help defray the expense of programs such as Membership Night that periodically run in the club.

There is good news about the club's dues. We plan to study the dues structure and implement new dues in the near future.

The surcharge is required by an Air Force regulation. To show the effects of the surcharge on customers, I will use the lunch buffet as an example. If you are a member of the club, it costs \$6.25. If you are an eligible non-member, there is a \$3 surcharge for lunch and lunchtime functions and a \$5 surcharge for evening dining. The membership benefit means you don't pay the surcharge.

In addition, as a member you receive coupons every month. Using one of your seven \$2 coupons, the price of lunch is only \$4.25 for the buffet. That's a great bargain.

Again, thanks for the great comments about the staff. They're truly wonderful. And thank you for being a club member.

COMMANDER'S ACCESS CHANNEL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES

■ The Commander's Access Channel, Channel 2 on base cable, is experiencing technical problems with the video portion of the programming.

Air Force News and other video programs shown on Channel 2 will not be seen. All advertising, such as yard sales and upcoming official events are still running.

To put an advertisement on Channel 2, stop by the public affairs office located in Building 10577 across from the Pacific Coast Club.

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Customer service boosts Air Force quality-of-life



BY GEN. HAL HORNBURG
commander, Air Education and Training Command

If I get poor service in a restaurant or store, I don't feel valued as a customer.

So I don't go back. And I doubt you would, either.

But on an Air Force base, we don't always have that luxury.

If you've ever visited a base customer service section only to find it closed for lunch—or if you've been tangled in an endless loop of recorded voice mail messages—you probably don't feel valued as a customer either.

Customer service—good and bad—affects our quality of life.

Quality of life can mean different things to each of us. While many of us might view higher pay and better facilities as the most common quality-of-life factors, the concept is much broader and really impacts our daily work environment.

Quality of life begins with whom you are, where you work and how you feel about what you do.

It's a sense of identity and belonging. And that's the foundation from which we must build a strong Air Force.

Our day-to-day interactions with people have significant impact on our quality of life. Top-notch customer service in all aspects of our work and home

life is crucial to maintaining high quality-of-life standards.

We need to examine closely our responsiveness, timeliness and empathy in dealing with the day-to-day issues of military life. Whether you process claims for PCS moves, make appointments at the dental clinic or answer questions about pay and allowances at the accounting and finance office, you affect the quality of life and morale of many people.

♦ If your customers include students or trainees, are you open for business and available during the times most convenient to them?

♦ If your shop periodically closes for training days, are those days scheduled to minimally impact your customers? Better yet, could your office keep a skeleton crew on board for customers while the others are trained?

♦ If your unit has voice mail, how user friendly is it? The first and easiest option should always be to speak with a person.

♦ Is there more than one expert in your office to help customers? What happens when that person goes to lunch, is on leave or on a TDY assignment?

♦ Are your form letters personalized for your customers, or are they the faceless, fill-in-the-blank kind? With our computers today, we can take the extra few minutes to tailor correspondence to show our people we're concerned about their situations or problems.

The Air Force is a retention service, and quality customer service will ultimately help us retain our number one asset—our people.



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Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Tech. Sgt. Vernard Furlow.

Assignment: 2nd Space Launch Squadron. spacelift booster mechanical maintenance controller.

Hometown: Willard, N.C.

Time on Vandenberg: Two years, eight months.

Time in service: 14 years.

"Tech. Sgt. Furlow consistently goes above and beyond what's required by his duty description. He recently assisted with the repair of a vehicle's broken brake line during a convoy of a Titan IV stage one booster. His actions allowed the convoy to continue with minimal delay, ensuring this critical flight hardware arrived safe and secure. He is a great community advocate. He conducted a tour at space launch complex-3 for a group of Lompoc students. This kind of caring and education for our local youth will definitely enhance our relations with the community and keep the future leaders of our nation interested in the spacelift mission," said Master Sgt. Daniel Thorenson, 2nd SLS generation flight supervisor.

Command chief offers Air Force career insights

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Everyday and on any military base there's an announcement about a retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. So-and-so or Master Sgt. What's-his-name.

Rightfully, the soon-to-be civilians are often presented mementos and medals to honor their distinguished Air Force career.

This tradition gave Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, 14th Air Force command chief master sergeant, reason to ponder recently.

His brief assignment at Edwards AFB, Calif., last year served as a warning blip on his radar screen.

"I was only at Edwards for two months and I went to six retirement ceremonies," the chief said. "Two weeks ago, when I was re-enlisting, it struck me—we need to show our airmen the advantages of staying in the Air Force."

Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael Ryan puts a lot of emphasis toward improving recruiting and retention.

"Recruiting and retention is an ongoing struggle," the general said. "Therefore, we must always continue our efforts to make sure we have not only the quantity of people needed to maintain the end strength of the Air Force but also the people of the right quality."

Kriete sees airmen and junior NCOs leaving the Air Force for various reasons, some personal and some professional. "Some airmen get disillusioned during their first enlistment," he said. "Maybe they don't like their jobs or where they live. They need to realize, they're not going to spend their whole career living in the dormitory."

When the chief enlisted 25 years ago, he said he thought dorm life was great.

"I lived in a dorm room with three other guys and we could



AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Fourteenth Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete (left) is issued the oath of enlistment by 14th Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. William Looney III. During his career, Kriete has found that the benefits of Air Force life are many when weighed against the instability of a career in the civilian sector. He's excited about the opportunities Air Force life has to offer today's airmen.

"Shop around and compare civilian jobs with an Air Force career. Talk to people like your commander, first sergeant or somebody else who has a positive outlook on the Air Force."

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete
14th Air Force command chief master sergeant

go downstairs and play all the pool we wanted," he said. "Now you have one-plus-one rooms, recreational facilities, financial counseling, transition assistance and unequalled educational opportunities.

"Some people may talk about the good ol' days, but these are the good ol' days," he said.

Not only is the quality-of-life better, but there are more opportunities.

First-term airmen are eligible to retrain into another career field, regardless of the manning status of their unit or current career field, Kriete said. When they re-enlist and retrain they can apply for a base of preference to be assigned anywhere in the country where they are

needed.

When any of the chief's airmen decide to leave the Air Force, he believes it's important for them to make an informed decision.

"Shop around and compare civilian jobs with an Air Force career," he said. "Talk to people like your commander, first sergeant or somebody else who has a positive outlook on the Air Force."

Kriete recognizes that a career in the Air Force isn't for everybody. But all too often, the chief said he's seen people let their emotions, rather than logic, guide their decision to leave the service.

"Many of our first- and second-termers who are getting out haven't done their

homework," the command chief said. "They don't know what it's really like in the civilian job market.

"They don't really understand how loyal the Air Force is to its employees as opposed to a civilian CEO who will give you a pink slip in the blink of an eye," he said. "Nobody told me I had to get out of the Air Force. It's always been my choice to make it a career."

One Air Force member found out the hard way that life on the outside isn't always what it's cracked up to be.

"There's a guy here at Vandenberg who spent 10 years working in the civilian sector," Kriete said. The company he worked for was sold and he lost his job. "He's back in the Air Force now."

Whether it's 1975 or 2001, chief said there's one thing that's common about life in the service.

"The quality of the people is what strikes me about the Air Force," Kriete said. "Ninety-nine-point-nine percent of the people have great character and a passion to serve."

Air Force career offers many benefits

■ This listing is just some of the many Air Force benefits. For further information on Air Force benefits, log onto the Air Force Personnel Center website at

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil

- ♦ **Annual leave:** 30 days.
- ♦ **Retirement pay:** 40 to 75 percent of base pay.
- ♦ **Military pay raises:** 4.3 percent in 2002.
- ♦ **College education:** 75 percent, up to \$250 per hour.
- ♦ **Commissioning programs:** Officer Training School and the Airman Education and Commissioning Program are some of many programs available.
- ♦ **Montgomery G.I. Bill:** Pay in \$1,200, receive \$536 for 36 months while attending school.
- ♦ **Scholarships:** Available to military members and their families. Grants range from \$250 to \$500.
- ♦ **Vocational training opportunities:** Formal training and personal enhancement.
- ♦ **Promotion opportunities:** Equal selection opportunity for all.
- ♦ **Servicemembers' group life insurance:** \$250,000 coverage for \$20 per month.
- ♦ **Career broadening opportunities:** Special-duty assignments, retraining, overseas duty, etc.
- ♦ **Family support centers:** Transition Assistance Program, Smooth Move, loan locker, family life program classes, Air Force Aid, and Personal Financial Management program.
- ♦ **Medical and dental coverage:** TRICARE provides comprehensive health insurance to all active-duty members and their families.
- ♦ **Commissary privileges:** Provides 29.7 percent savings over commercial purchases.

NEWS YOU

CAN USE

NEBRASKA AVE CLOSED MONDAY FOR P-40 AIRCRAFTARRIVAL

Nebraska Avenue, from the exit of Building 10577 to the entrance of the Pacific Coast Club loop, will be closed Monday from noon to 5 p.m. Workers will deliver and begin installing a P-40 Tomahawk aircraft for static display in front of 14th Air Force Headquarters.

Motorists are asked to use an alternate route during this time.

MINI-COMMISSARY OPENS AT 9:30 A.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 17

The Vandenberg Mini-Commissary will have a change of opening schedule for two days. The mini commissary will open at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday due to computer upgrades. Also the mini-commissary will open at 9:30 a.m. April 16 due to annual inventory. For more information, call Verona Johnes at 734-3354 extension 225.

VANDENBERG TECHNICAL LIBRARY HOLDS OPEN HOUSE APRIL 4

The Vandenberg Technical Library staff has scheduled an open house April 4 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in Building 7015. The event is to celebrate National Library Week. The staff will demonstrate the use of the library's computer equipment and other services. Refreshments will be served. Call 606-9745 for details.

AFA BANQUET HONORS ASTRONAUT BUZZ ALDRIN APRIL 6 AT THE PCC

The Goddard chapter of the Air Force Association has scheduled a banquet April 6 at the Pacific Coast Club. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin will attend. Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited. Call Melanie Habaner at 606-7528 for more information. To learn about or to join AFA, call Capt. Matt Stevens at 606-5003.

DEPENDENTS RECEIVE RESIDENT STATUS FOR COLLEGE COURSES

California has passed a law to give resident status military dependents who attend college beginning with the Spring 2001 semester. Under the new law military dependents will pay \$11 per unit at Allan Hancock College. For more information, call the base education office at 606-5933 or Allan Hancock College's Vandenberg Office at 734-3500.

OSC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2001 SCHOOL YEAR STUDENTS

The Vandenberg Officers' Spouses' Club is offering scholarships to high school graduates in 2001. Dependents of active-duty, retirees or deceased military members and spouses of active duty or retired military members are eligible to apply. Anyone interested in applying should contact their high school counselor or Carol Rieping at 734-3960. Applications must be received by March 30.

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Military Equal Opportunity office is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The event takes place in May. For more information, call Staff Sgt. CeeJay Brown at 605-5069.

OFFICERS NEEDED AS ESCORTS DURING GUARDIAN CHALLENGE 2001

The Guardian Programs Office is looking for officers to serve as escorts for distinguished visitors during Guardian Challenge 2001. All volunteers should be in the rank of second lieutenant through major and be available for duty May 6 through 11. Strong military bearing and communication skills are necessary. Call Capt. Mike Hillman at 606-6035 to volunteer.

GARAGE SALE SIGN POSTING NOT ALLOWED ON STREET POLES

Housing and mobile home park residents are allowed one garage sale sign on their property where the sale is being conducted. Signs can't be posted on power, phone or street light poles. They can't be posted on street signs, trees or near any public right-of-ways. This is a 30th Space Wing Pamphlet 32-1 housing regulation. For more information, call military family housing at 606-3434.

CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD HAS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The 148th Space Operations Squadron, of the California Air National Guard has jobs available. They are seeking full- and part-time 3E1X1 satellite wide band and telemetry systems technicians, and 3C1X1 radio communication systems technicians. They also need part-time 1C6X1 space systems operations technicians. For more information, call Master Sgt. Roger Tilson at 605-4678.

TEAM VANDENBERG HAS GUARDIAN CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES APRIL

The Vandenberg Competiton Association all Team Vandenberg members to help support this year's Guardian Challenge team. Upcoming fundraisers and events scheduled are a model launch vehicle competition April 5, the annual GC golf tournament April 6, and the 30th Space Wing bonfire and pie-in-the-face April 13. A team breakfast is also scheduled for April 19 at Chapel 1. For more information, call a VCA representative at the following numbers 606-7076, 606-7646 or 605-3290.

SPACE & MISSILE TIMESCORRECTION

■ In last week's double truck, the *Space & Missile Times*, incorrectly identified the winner of the Officer of the Year for the 2000 AFSPC Airfield Operations and Air Crew Life Support Awards. The winner is **Capt. Thomas Schmidt**, 30th Operations Support Squadron. ■ **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wallis**, 30th Communications Squadron, is the winner of the 2000 AFSPC Public Affairs Media Contest for a single or stand alone photograph.

Dorm security: serious matter for residents

By 2ND LT. TORY KINDRICK

30th Space Wing Legal Office Transition Student

■ One Vandenberg airman learned the hard way that dormitory room security is a serious matter when a number of expensive personal items were stolen from his room. It was not secured.

Because he left his window and bathroom door unlocked, the airman's losses were not recoverable through the Air Force claim system.

"Dorm security is a big concern of our dorm managers," said Master Sgt. Brian Joseph, 30th Support Group unaccompanied housing chief. When new residents move in, dorm managers brief the new resident on policies and the need for careful, consistent attention to security.

Highlighting the importance of the problem, Joseph said, "The only way to protect your belongings from theft is to lock your room. Anytime you are away, no matter how close you may be, lock your room up. This includes your bathroom door and the window in your room."

According to Joseph, dorm managers make unannounced checks to ensure dorm residents comply with security procedures.

An unlocked bathroom door can give a potential burglar entry to the room even if the outside door and window of the room are locked because the burglar may be able to gain entrance into the other room of the suite.

Another tool dorm managers use to inform their residents, 30th Space Wing Pamphlet 32-2, *Unaccompanied Housing Management*, advises residents to notify dorm managers when they will be away on tempo-

rary duty or extended leave. This helps dorm managers keep unauthorized people from entering the temporarily unoccupied rooms. The pamphlet further suggests that residents mark and record a description of personal items as another way of safeguarding valuables. This will assist officials if the items are lost or damaged.

Reading and understanding the security policies and requirements are important, but even more important is taking the steps necessary to actually safeguard belongings.

Stressing the importance of room security, Tech. Sgt.

Roberta Samples, 30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate NCOIC of claims said, "If your room is not properly secured and proper precautions are not taken, the Air Force may deny your claim."

Legal officials clarified wing policy further by saying, "You bear the responsibility for securing your personal living area, to include, but not limited to, the door entering the hall, the bathroom and all windows."

In the event that a theft or damage to property does occur in the dorms, Air Force claims officials can only pay the claim if the loss or damage was not in anyway caused by the dorm resident or his agent. This means



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Airman 1st Class Shaun Pumphrey, 30th Communications Squadron, demonstrates how a burglar could use an unlocked window to steal someone's expensive personal items. All residents are reminded to lock all doors and windows when leaving their quarters unoccupied.

that negligent parties can include the dorm resident, dorm mates, friends or anyone else acting on the dorm resident's behalf.

The bottom line is this—if dorm residents don't follow security requirements and guidelines properly then the Air Force may not pay any claims for loss or damage of property.

According to the legal office, the resident can always place a claim for stolen items, but if the loss was due to their negligence the claim will probably be denied.



STAFF SGT. OSCAR SAMANIEGO

Head of the class

Senior Airman Shane Dempsey accepts the John L. Levitow Award from Col. Duane Lamb, 30th Support Group commander, Tuesday night at the Airman Leadership School Class 01-C graduation at the Pacific Coast Club.

Dempsey also won the Academic Achievement Award. Christopher Anderson received the Distinguished Graduate Award and Jacky Barfield won the Leadership Award. The other graduates of the 24-member class were: Senior Airmen Victoria Ambrose, Andrew Barlow, Robert Boyer, Virginia Briggs, David Duty, Paul Eversley, Jared Ey, Alisa Frisch, Kenneth Gates, Brian Gregory, Thomas Grubbs, Jason Hal, Gilbert Hernandez, Nelson Kendrick, Thomas Nuttall, Erwin Ocampo, Michael Plante, Michael Sheets, Christian Stidham, Terry Stoner, Robert Verrigni.



America's Air Force

No One Comes Close





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Master Sgt. Miles Dutton and Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Arture, both from the 30th Space Wing, wear their Guardian Challenge gear in support of the Hawks GC team. Vandenberg people can wear GC gear with all uniform combinations through May 11.

VCA supports Team V

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Guardian Challenge is coming and the competitors are getting ready. People are wearing the team's colors throughout base.

The Vandenberg Competition Association is one group responsible to keep the team looking good.

"The VCA supports the Hawks with team uniforms, jacket, hats, patches, pins, nametags and new battle dress uniforms for the enlisted competitors," said Capt. Scott Van Sant, the vice president of the VCA.

During Guardian Challenge the VCA also provides meals and beverages for all the competitors and trainers at hospitality suites and various civic gatherings in the local area, Van Sant added.

All this costs money. To that end, VCA is a booster club. It's members encourage and support base people who participate in competition activities designed to improve readiness, responsiveness, efficiency, and morale while defending our nation, he said.

While Air Force Space Command foots the bill for the competition, each unit is responsible for taking care of their competitors. Last year the VCA spent about \$12,000 on the Hawks. VCA raises that money from many fundraisers throughout the year.

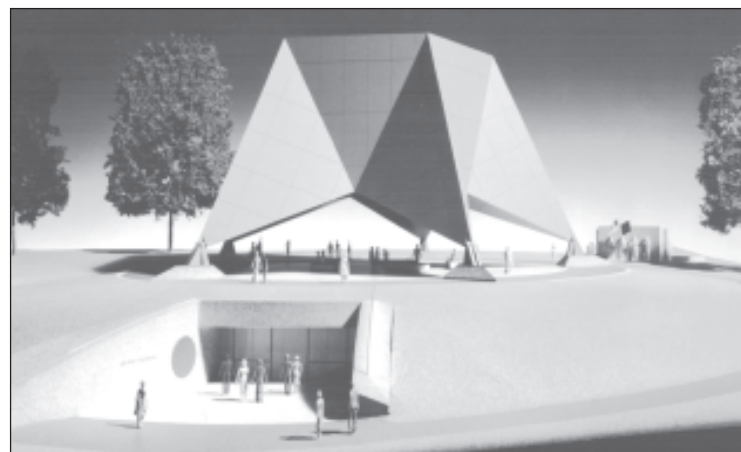
GC isn't the only event the association supports. Throughout the year, they contribute about \$2,000 for other competition teams including Top Dollar, Readiness Challenge, and Defender Challenge. "We also support individuals participating in Air Force or Olympic level competitions," Van Sant said.

VCA partners with the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and Vandenberg Federal Credit Union to help Team V's best reach their goals in competition, free from financial burden.

TEAM VANDENBERG MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE GUARDIAN CHALLENGE 2001 GEAR

■ Vandenberg Competition Association has Guardian Challenge jackets, shirts, hats, scarves and pins available. The 30th Space Wing commander has authorized the wear of GC gear with all uniform combinations through May 11.

To purchase GC team gear, call one of the following people Lt. Col. Chris Sharp at 606-9882, Capt. Michelle Holland at 605-3290, 2nd Lt. Kirk Morris at 606-7646 or Capt. Scott Van Sant at 606-7076.



Construction on the Air Force Memorial is expected to be completed in 2002.

AFSA to lead final Air Force Memorial campaign

By STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER

Air Force Print News

■ The Air Force Sergeants' Association will soon begin a campaign to raise the final amount needed to begin construction of the Air Force Memorial, according to AFSA officials.

The "Bring Us Home" campaign will run for 90 days at virtually every Air Force installation beginning in March, said retired Chief Master Sgt. James Staton, AFSA executive director.

"So far, we've raised \$26.4 million for the construction of the Air Force Memorial and we hope this campaign will help us reach our goal of \$30 million," said retired Brig. Gen. Patrick Adams, president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.

The funding of the memorial must come exclusively from private sources, Adams said.

For the past 15 months, the Air Force Memorial Foundation has run a direct mail campaign from which it has received its largest number of individual donations. Of the 105,000 donations, only about 20 percent were from Air Force members, he said.

"Clearly we have not been successful in reaching the almost 340,000 people in the force," Adams said. "This is where AFSA can help us. With chapters at almost every installation, they are better equipped to reach out to not only the active-duty force but also the extended Air Force family — Guard and Reserve.

"I do want to make one thing clear about this campaign," Adams said. "Its primary intention is not to ask Air Force members for money. It is to raise awareness and support among them for their memorial.

"We have sent videos out to all the bases," he said. "The 'Soaring to Glory' videos attempt to visually portray the memorial, why it is designed the way it is, and what it should mean to everyone who has ever been or will be a member of the Air Force or its predecessors, the Army Air Corps or Army Signal Corps."

There will be a sponsor's registry at the memorial listing the names of everyone who has donated \$25 or more and requested that their name or the name of someone they want remembered be placed on the list, Adams said.

"For those people who don't wish to make a donation, we do have a roster of supporters," he said. "We would still like their pledge of support. There are still a number of other approval reviews that the memorial must undergo and it would help to demonstrate that a large majority of the service — one group that the memorial is to honor — is behind its construction.

"This campaign is important because we're on the last leg of what has been a long journey to provide all airmen — past, present and future — with a memorial that they can call their own," Adams said.

"Whether you have served four years or 40 years, this is a memorial to you and your service to the country," Adams said. "This will be the place where, on those special days when the Air Force remembers its victories and mourns its losses, those ceremonies will be conducted and where we can remember all of our heroes — our airmen."

COMMUNITY

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FRI

A **Kids on the Move** video will be shown today at 3 p.m. in the family support center. The video “Let’s Get a Move On” will form the core for discussion and activities for children ages 6 to 11 who are arriving or departing Vandenberg in the next three months. Call relocation assistance at 606-0801 for information or registration.

Vandenberg Middle School needs volunteers to tutor sixth- to eighth-grade students in math, English and science. It’s a good idea to bring a calculator. The 40-minute sessions are held from 3:20 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the school library. Call activities director Lydia Morrow at 734-2324 before 10:15 a.m. or at 734-4391 extension 245 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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SAT

The **Hoyt S. Vandenberg Saddle Club** will hold its spring horse show 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. A tri-tip lunch will be served at \$5 per person. Classes will be available for \$8 in advance and \$9 the day of the show. The show is free and open to the public. Call Kim Anderson at 734-3814 at home or 733-1731 at work from 1 to 5 p.m.

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MON

Team Vandenberg will host a **women’s history luncheon** Monday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Call Master Sgt. Kathleen Noles at 606-0366.

A free non-credit class will be held in the Ancient art of **t’ai chi, chi gung, and relaxation exercises** Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the services center. The class will focus on improving balance, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, stress management, and emotional well-being. To register, call 606-2221.

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TUE

The **Single Parents Support Group** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The group will discuss issues regarding single parenting and self care. For more information call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

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WED

An **Interviewing and Dress for Success Workshop** is scheduled for Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the family support center. People can learn tips on the interview processes and how to dress for the workplace. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for information.

APRIL

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MON

A **Stress Management Workshop** is scheduled for April 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the family support center, and continues Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon at the health and wellness center. For information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958 or Greg Barisich at 606-5338.

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WED

A **Resume Writing Workshop** at the family support center is scheduled for April 4 at 9 a.m. Participants can learn how to write a winning resume or update an old one. People can learn current formats and styles, effective words and power statements. To register early, call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557.

Kindergarten registration for Crestview Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year is scheduled for April 4. Students with last names beginning with A through M can register from 8:15 to 11 a.m. Students with last names beginning with N through Z can register from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Parents need to bring their children’s official immunization records when they register



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

OSC auction

Melissa Boudreaux (left), Becki Malone, (center) and Terri Hatten (right) display the items up for bid during the Officer's Spouse Club charity auction March 10 at the Pacific Coast Club. People from the local community, as far south as Los Angeles and as far north as Yosemite, Calif., donated items to raise more than \$12,000 during the event.

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their child. Children won't be admitted to school with out the record. Call 736-2371 at extension 301 for more information.

9 MON Kindergarten registration for Los Padres Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year is scheduled for

April 9. Students with last names beginning with A through M can register from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Students with last names beginning with N through Z can register from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Parents need to bring their children's official immunization records when they register their child. Children won't be admitted to school with out the record. Parents can call 736-2371 at extension 301 for more information.

27 FRI The Santa Maria Flower Festival is April 27 to 29 at the Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 South Thornburg from 11 a.m.

to 10 p.m. daily. The festival will feature musical entertainment, carnival rides, a variety of crafts, games and consumer products.

General admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children ages 6 to 11. Children under five will be admitted free. Carnival wristbands are \$15 and parking is \$3.

Call Teri Lee Martinez at (805) 925-8824 for more information.



AT THE MOVIES

TODAY

Finding Forrester Starring Sean Connery and Rob Brown.

Synopsis: Jamal Wallace is accepted to a prestigious prep school in Manhattan because of his academic and physical abilities. He befriends William Forrester, a reclusive writer and the friendship leads William to overcome his reclusiveness and Jamal to overcome racial prejudices and pursue his true dream - writing.

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexual references.

SATURDAY

The Wedding Planner Starring Jennifer Lopez and Matthew McConaughey.

Synopsis: Jennifer Lopez plays San Francisco's most successful wedding planner but she breaks her most important rule by falling in love with the groom.

Rated PG-13 for strong language and some sexual humor.

SUNDAY

The Gift Starring Cate Blanchett and Katie Holmes.

Synopsis: Annie bears the gift of psychic vision. A gift visions begin to unravel the town's dark secrets, and she finds herself in increasing danger.

Rated R for violence, strong language, sexuality and nudity.

All movies start at 7:30 p.m.

SPORT

SHORTS

FITNESS CENTER HOLDS ALL-STAR GAME

The fitness center is sponsoring an all-star game and slam-dunk contest March 30 at 6 p.m. Call Staff Sgt. Ryan Masters at 606-3832 for more information.

VCA SPONSORS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Vandenberg Competition Association is sponsoring a golf tournament April 6 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Registration is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at noon. The cost is \$15 per person plus green fees. To register, call Werner "Pete" Hope at 606-9927.

FIRST SERGEANTS HOLD TOURNAMENT

Vandenberg first sergeants will hold a golf tournament Thursday at Marshallia Ranch. Registration is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with a noon shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$10 per person plus green and cart fees. Call unit first sergeants to sign up. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mark Reed at 606-5747. No more than 36 teams will be allowed to play.

LADY HAWKS NEED MORE PLAYERS

The Vandenberg Lady Hawks Basketball team has openings on the team. Interested people should call Tyrone Edins at 606-4099 or 606-4199.

FITNESS CENTER SPONSORS BIATHLON

The fitness center's annual biathlon is scheduled for Saturday at 9 a.m. People can sign-up now by calling Staff Sgt. Ryan Masters at 606-3832.

30TH CES HOLDS GOOFY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Civil Engineer Activity Counsel is sponsoring its third annual Goofy Golf Tournament April 5 at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fees are \$10 per person. Green fees are \$10 for airman basic through senior airman, \$16 for staff sergeants and above, \$19 for civilian and DoD

employees and \$30 for contractors. Individuals or teams can sign up by calling Staff Sgt. Thomas Merrett at 606-9876 or Ron Case at 606-4116.

AIR FORCE SPONSORS RUGBY CLINIC

The Air Force Rugby squad will hold an instructional camp and team tryout April 12 to 15 in Washington, D.C. Tryouts are in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom Invitational Rugby Tournament. Classroom and field instruction will be offered before the tournament. All Air Force active duty, active reserve and Air National Guardsmen are eligible. The selected Air Force team will compete against the Army, Navy, Marine Corp and Coast Guard teams in the Armed Forces Rugby Championships Oct. 8 to 13 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. For more information, go to www.afrugby.com.

OSC, THRIFT SHOP OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vandenberg Officers' Spouses' Club and the thrift shop are offering \$40 sports scholarships for children participating in youth sports. A family may receive more than one scholarship. Everyone is eligible to apply. Applications can be picked up at the base youth center, the library, the family support center or the food pantry. Call Moyra Hower at 734-9844 for more information.

VANDENBERG HOLDS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Team Vandenberg is hosting the 10th annual Santa Barbara County Special Olympics at the base sports field April 21.

Volunteers are needed as team leads, escorts and organizational points of contacts.

Call Capt. Stacy Huser at 606-1542, extension 3106 for information.

VAFB BASE TRACK REPAINTED AND OPEN

The 400 meter base track has been resurfaced with rubber padding, repainted and is now open for use. Call the fitness center at 606-3832 for more information.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEVE SCHESTER

Hoop dreams

Curry Parham, of the 576th No. 1 team, makes a basket while team mates Guy Williams (No. 42) and Douglas Fischer (No. 47) and an opponent from the 30th Mission Support team, Anthony Johnson (No. 54) look on. The 576th team No. 1 won the game 71 to 58 in competition Monday evening and improved their record to 10 and 1.